

REMARKS

Claims 1-61 are pending. Claims 1-61 have been rejected. Claim 50 has been amended as suggested to correct a typographical error. Claims 1-61 remain in the case for reconsideration. Reconsideration is requested.

Minor Informalities

Claim 50 has been amended to correct a typographical error.

Claim Rejections – 35 U.S.C. § 102

Claims 1-10, 12-17, 20-25, 28-32, 34, 36-45, 47, 49-51, 54-58 and 60 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 102(e) as being unpatentable over Sistanizadeh et al. (US 6,681,232).

As indicated during an August 26, 2005 phone meeting, the Sistanizadeh reference is not prior art. Applicants previously submitted a 1.131 declaration to "swear behind" the Sistanizadeh reference. The July 14, 2005 Final Office Action references deficiencies in a 1.132 declaration, however, a 1.132 declaration was not filed. Accordingly, applicant requests withdrawal of the Sistanizadeh reference and the July 14, 2005 Final Office Action based on the 1.131 declaration.

During a September 12, 2005 phone meeting, the Examiner suggested that the applicant should immediately file this response after final. As requested by the Examiner, the applicant is resubmitting the 1.131 declaration as well as Exhibit A. Both the 1.131 declaration and Exhibit A were previously transmitted to the Patent Office on January 6, 2005 and April 25, 2005.

Claim Rejections – 35 U.S.C. § 103

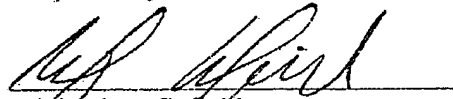
Claims 11, 18-19, 26-27, 33, 35, 46, 48, 52-53, 59 and 61 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over Sistanizadeh et al. in view of Pascucci et al. (US 6,115,713).

Applicants previously "swore behind" the Sistanizadeh reference.

CONCLUSION

For the foregoing reasons, reconsideration and allowance of claims 1-61 of the application as amended is solicited. The Examiner is encouraged to telephone the undersigned at (503) 276-4842 if it appears that an interview would be helpful in advancing the case.

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